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advantage, & did not know its concrete & virtue of necessity
may be small price, but price it is; but to compass the
necessity by way of gymnastics ~~of something~~ of opportunity
for the virtue, does not command itself to the un-
philosophical mind.

A new impulse, a new clash in life is a more
regularly recurring need with all of us than we are
apt to realize. "Paul" began to feel space about him, behave
about him. The solid earth under his feet - all through Yacht,
he thought, making small allowances for the healing touch
of Land.

Porter

It was not the new reading of a novel that restored ~~him~~
to himself; he was brought under new leading. The
German moralists of the "new" school, formed, in
fact, not one school, but three: for the Kantian
philosophers; the theory of duty ~~with duty~~ ^{was} severe
& definite ~~the~~ the application was impossible,
unyielding to human mood & human moods.

✕ Moral ~~for them~~ ^{was} unyielding, these, invariable,
inevitable, as natural laws. The philosophers of whom
thought Yacht was pre-eminently the exponent was, on
the other hand, each a law with himself guiding
their moral life, and in an external law, was
bound as in unward illumination, the religious
sentiment, the moral conscience, was the main
guides for the willing & obedient soul. A hard case
of thought was not to the guiding of the religious
conscience but to that of the conscience only when
by revelation, or while feeling the need of a philosophical
interpretation of life, considered that such that specy
interpretation was to be found in the Christian religion
alone. Of these three philosophies of life, that of Yacht is not

doubt, the most-acceptable to the ^{most intelligent} ~~most~~ man. He is
 able to make his life without ~~any~~ ^{no} ~~symbol~~ ^{symbol}.
~~He does~~ is a perception. Religion is a feeling seated in
 his own human heart; the law, a perception of his
 moral nature. God reveals himself without any
 intermediary. Would you receive these revelations,
 withdraw yourself from the world of sense, & above
 all, from the bondage of the understanding, which
 is ~~perfectly~~ incapable of demonstrating that which
 it has no power to conceive. The Fall? Yes, we
 doubt some such inscrutable event had occurred
 leaving man prone to evil; but, would he recover himself
 let him withdraw, & lend himself to the Teaching, that
 will surely reach him. The moral code gave ^{many of} ~~him~~
 founds on this ^{many of} ~~him~~ revelation is in protest against
 the rifons of the Hænetian School. He arrogates
 to himself a glorious liberty in which he is free to
 transgress in the divinely recognised majesty of
 his knowledge, for virtue may demand that which
 is in excess of, & appears to violate any formulated
 moral law.
 "Yes", he says, "I would lie as Desdemona lied; I
 would deceive as did Orestes when he would she
 in the place of Pygmalion; I would assassinate as
 Timoleon, I would perjure myself as Epaminondas,
 as Jean de Witt; I would venture on self-destruction
 as Cato. I would commit sacrilege as did
 David, & you shall certainly see myself offend
 in these crimes according to the letter; man may
 exercise the sovereign right which the majesty of
 his being compels upon him."

claim to be a law unto himself,
young men might ~~be said for the sake of the poet to~~
~~be said~~, Jacobi was the ~~cause~~

"the years that bring the philosophical mind")

were to him, a heritage in his case, the years of his
from his youth, up, & ~~growth~~, metaphysics attracted him, not as an end in
+ ~~growth~~, metaphysics attracted him, not as an end in
himself, rather, he gave himself up to abstract thought
met- he ~~was~~ ~~in the hope to~~ correct its shallowness, show up the incapacity
of the understanding to interpret human life. As a
young man, he had a following, this early disciples
were his disciples still even when drawing into their
ranks men of culture & generous feeling. He was
now young. Thirteen philosophers, falling back
on high thoughts to make up for low fortunes. That a
young man, well-born, wealthy, & of extraordinary
attractive personality should devote himself to
philosophy was not a new thing, but ^{in his life} it had its
weight; his disciples gathered round him, ^{in his} the
Sage of Wandersbeck ~~became~~ ^{was} the centre of a peculiar
charming Society.
Young aristocratic Kolster was just as the poles
from Hamtburg in thought & feeling, in life &
Society, yet the Wandersbeckers were by no means
unknown to our bookellers; many, for their part, finding
the touch of the great city stimulating, often came
in to see what was going on. The two Stolberg, Count
Friedrich a Count Christian, Count Meroltow, the Baron von Hirstenberg

of the ~~recipients of the "Golden Circle"~~
 & men of his highly cultured ~~set~~ ^{circle} was known to Reuther.
 No wonder Pauli courted the attention of thought that was
 to be had in this set; where you might meet a representation
 of almost every shade of thought & opinion, not only
 so, but - the very outcome & flower of every school. There
 was Count Friedrich Klotzberg, ~~and~~ for instance, representing
 what has since become known in England as the Eastern
 Movement, - a man of letters & delicate nature, a poet from
 his youth, a passionate admirer of the antique, becoming
 day by day more restless & dissatisfied because
 the Protestant faith in which he had been brought up did
 not afford the external props so tempting to a nature not
 more peaceful than strong, & weakened by dissipation
 intellectual sympathy. His friends, Claufens,
 Voss, Jacobi, Klopstock, & the rest, of every various
 opinions themselves, watched him through his passage of
 his soul's history, giving all they had for him - much
 sympathy, speculating that their convictions would be
 nothing to him. Later, as we know, he found the compass of
 his ~~opinions~~ ^{opinions} & was among the first to reject the faith
 of the three centuries of conflict which had gone to establish
 Protestantism in Germany. He went over to Rome, as
 so many ~~there~~ ^{have done since} of similar strain of
 character & similar modes of thought. His friends

Count-Friedrich + Count-Christians, Voss, Count-
 Preussentlow, Baron Friedrich von Furstenberg, the
 enlightened Ministers of the Prince-Bishop of Münster,
 had, now & again, called in at "Paul's." This was
 well in the way of business, but, as we have seen,
 they had a strong interest in society; not that he
 wished to know fine people, but personal touch with
 the leaders of thought he did most strongly covet, & his
 introduction to the delightful circle which had its
 centre at Wanda'sbeck, was, with him, one of those
 floating visions which now often take form to
 our humble surprise. The most pious souls of
 us are slow to believe in an indulgence which takes
 place pains to compass our innocent-desires.

It is customary to speak, to-day, of "representative
 fathering"; but a representative society is a different
 matter; in England, anyway, party spirit is so
 strong that birds of a feather flock together, & each
 man's social interlocks are apt to be those of his own
 sect & party. In Germany, a hundred years ago,
 not party spirit, but individual convictions were as
 robust that each man held his own without fear or favour,
 said, short & sharp, what he held for truth, & listened
 to other men with tolerance all the greater because
 it in no wise meant prejudicial consideration of

efforts, the same ^{anxious} ~~efforts~~ of self-depairing the
same inward complacencies. But, while his life
went on in the quiet ways that favour spiritual
evolution, she, by an early brilliant marriage
was thrown into the enchanting whirl of court
at Vienna now, now, at Paris, now, London, ^{the} ~~the~~
Champs, her talents, her position, more than all,
certain spirituality-born of early aspirations,
made her very attractive wherever she went, the
centre of homage & flattering attention. What could
women desire more? This woman was not satisfied.
hall, reception, the play, ^{again} theatre, ball, reception,
epigram & sarcasm & sparkling play quips -
what a deadly weariness were they all! The torture
of it, the craving for fuller more real life, became
unbearable, night after night, when weariness
should have made her sleep, she lay awake, ~~but~~
by the craving, wearying herself to find a better way,
in life of the affections? She did not find it enough -
being ~~with~~ ^{without}, devoted mother as she was.
Monsieur's conception of education reached her.
If she was only free to give herself up, body & mind,
to the training of her two children, to the acquisition
of the knowledge they would need, surely, in
the steady ^{performance} ~~performance~~ of a mother's duties she might
find peace. But - how impossible to do this work
amid the continual social claims that came upon
her as the wife of the Russian ambassador at the
Napoleons! She cast about here & there for counsel, &